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- 1. DEPARTMENT AND MARINE CORPS SHOULD BE IN POSITION ASSIGN MARINE COMPLEMENT TO BANGUI END OF FISCAL YEAR. AMBASSADOR DALE HAS BEEN BRIEFED IN DEPARTMENT NOW.
- 2. MINIMUM MARINE GUARD COMPLEMENT WOULD BE NCOIC, AND FOUR (4) WATCHSTANDERS TO PROVIDE FULL COVERAGE AT NIGHT, ON HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS. HOWEVER, RECOMMEND NCOIC AND FIVE (5) WATCHSTANDERS TO PROVIDE 24 HOUR COVERAGE OF EMBASSY SEVEN (7) DAYS A WEEK.
- 3. APPROVAL OF FOREIGN OFFICE SHOULD INCLUDE UNDERSTANDING THAT MARINE GUARDS USED WORLD-WIDE AS INTERNAL GUARDS FOR OUR DIPLOMATIC PREMISES. THEY TRADITIONALLY WEAR STANDARD MARINE CORPS UNIFORM AND SIDEARMS ON DUTY WITHIN PREMISES. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. MARINE GUARD DUTIES ARE COVERED IN STATE-DEFENSE AGREE-MENT AND ARE SPELLED OUT IN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN USMC AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE. REFER 3 FAM 149 AND 4 FAM 810-815 FOR DETAILS OF THIS UNDERSTANDING AS TRANSLATED IN OUR REGULATIONS. ESCORT FUNCTIONS OUTSIDE PRE-

MISES AND PRESENCE AT RECEPTIONS ARE NOT DUTIES ASSIGNED MARINES. REGULATIONS QUOTED ABOVE EXPLAIN.

- 5. WE WOULD PLAN ASSIGNMENT OF MARINES, WHEN EMBASSY HAS SUITABLE FURNISHED QUARTERS FOR NCOIC WITH DEPENDENTS AND CONSOLIDATED QUARTERS FOR WATCHSTANDERS. RSO WOULD PLAN TRIP TO POST WITH MARINE OFFICER TO COORDINATE DUTIES AND ADVISE ON QUARTERS AND SUPPORT ITEMS.
- 6. FINALLY, EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT MARINE GUARDS NOT ONLY SECURITY NECESSITY FOR EMBASSY OPERATION BUT ALSO REAL ASSET TO POST. HOWEVER, WE ARE IN NO POSITION AGREE TO EXPANDED USUAGE OR REDUCED COMPLEMENTS OF MARINES UNDER TERMS OF EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH USMC. KISSINGER

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